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Final Public Meeting on Rivers and Estuaries Center Set for Wednesday

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(August 2, 2005- TROY)- Mayor Harry J Tutunjian announced Tuesday that the final public meeting concerning the South Troy Riverfront Access and Rivers and Estuaries Satellite Center at the Rensselaer Ironworks Site will be held Wednesday evening in City Council chambers.

This meeting is the last in a series of brainstorming sessions and will feature a slide show summarizing the Strategic Plan and Preferred Concept Sketch that have been developed to this point for the center. It is the hope of the City that this project will create a significant activity center for a wide range of public uses and private investment on the South Troy waterfront.

Tutunjian hopes that the project will eventually foster numerous economic development and commercial opportunities along the Hudson River, while establishing formal public access points along both the river and Poestenkill Creek that will preserve and adaptively reuse significant industrial architecture.

Last week, the City of Troy received a \$400,000 grant from New York State Governor George Pataki and State Senate Majority Leader Joe Bruno to be used at the future site of the Rivers and Estuaries Center located off of Madison Street in South Troy.

"This exciting project has received support from State leaders and included the involvement of residents and businesses owners," Tutunjian said. "It is an opportunity for the City of Troy to once again capitalize on our historic waterfront. The City was born because of the Hudson River, and will be revitalized by it in the 21st Century."

The Rivers and Estuaries meeting begins at 7 p.m. on the second floor of City Hall.